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On doing right

By WILLIAM L. TRINYES
THE HARDEST THING TO DO IS TO DO RIGHT
Lesson for September 23, 1984
Bible Study Passages: Romans 7:4-6, 13-25

INTRODUCTION

The hardest thing to do in life is to do what is right. This may not be true all of the time or for some people, but doing the right things is oftentimes a struggle. Christians are no less exempt from this struggle over doing right. Some mistakenly believe that Christians hold the edge on doing what is right. But Christians know only too well how temptation can cause one to trip and fall.

If any of us are good it is because Christ makes us so. The battle against committing evil deeds is a constant one, and we win over sin only through the grace of Christ. It is strangely ironic how much easier it often is to do that which is wrong. The tendency to do that which is wrong is a flaw in our human character. Like Paul, we wrestle with opposing urges to do good and to do evil.

This week's lesson will help us focus our attention on the strength we need from Christ to choose right over wrong. We are not able to pull ourselves up by our own "bootstraps." We need God's help in overcoming our bent to do that which is wrong.

THE BONDAGE OF THE LAW [Romans 7:4-6]

We generally believe that laws and upholding the law is good for us. In fact, we encourage and expect others to uphold the same laws we hold dear. We believe that civil law and biblical law are what keep us from stepping out of bounds. But we also intuitively know that civil law and biblical law can sometimes keep us in bondage. If laws do not free people we must question their validity.

The Ten Commandments were given by God to frame his desire for people to respect him and others. The early Jews stretched the Mosaic law so far that they became ridiculous. Rather than freeing, the early interpretation of the Mosaic laws began to constrict. When Christ came he taught his followers to live by the spirit rather than by the letter of the law. Some churches fashion a code of rules and regulations that are impossible to live up to. Such rules and regulations coerce people to live in guilt rather than in freedom and forgiveness. After all, if Christ has made us free by his death, then we are free indeed!

THE WEAKNESS OF THE LAW [Romans 7:13-25]

We must remember that the law is a measurement. We sometimes point to the law as being responsible for our actions. We easily overlook the sinful nature that dwells within each of us. Christians constantly wage an internal battle over sin and righteousness. Doing good or that which is right does not come easy for us.

Sin in very seductive. It doesn't take much to lure us into activities we know can harm other people. We must be careful in placing the blame for our sin on an imaginary horned man in red hot pants! Flip Wilson's notion that "The devil made me do it" does not hold too much water. It is true that an evil spirit rages in our world, but we are ultimately responsible for our misbehavior. The opportunity to sin always abounds, but we do have a choice not to sin against God and our brothers and sisters. We must lean upon the Spirit of Christ to strengthen us in our battles with evil.

Reflect on the following questions:

1. Can you give any examples of when the Christian may find himself/herself in conflict with civil law?

2. What does "Freedom from the law" mean to you? (Reread 7:1-6)

3. What does "Freedom from the Spirit" mean to you?

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Lay ministers are installed

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Community was pleased to receive approved from the Rev. Walter Sullivan, catholic Bishop of Richmond diocese, to install two lay ministers of the eucharist.

Eileen Brennen and Roger Steinkamp were installed at ceremonies during the regular Sunday worship services on Sept. 9. Ministers of eucharist assist the pastor at Sunday mass in distribution of communion (bread and wine) to the congregation; most important is thier role in visiting the sick, shut-in and imprisoned carrying the eucharist from the communion of the community to those unable to attend.

The local catholic community will continue with the adult learning guide "Invitation" on Tuesday night, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. This discussion time will be led by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Kirch, and is intended as a review of the basics.

"The question Does Jesus make a difference in our lives?, will be ever before us" says the pastor. All who are interested in examining catholic belief are invited.

Regular Sunday worship is at 11:30 a.m. Friday at 12:15 p.m. is a weekday mass. A special praise and prayer session is held every Sunday at 1 p.m.

Springfield news

Springfield Baptist Church will celebrate the Rev. Harrison Kelso's third anniversary Sunday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Raymond Lawing and his church choir will be the special guests.

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WORSHIP

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Cogle and sons

New church opens here

The first service for the Assembly of God Church, located on the second floor of the Steve Pool building, 460 west of Appomattox, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. with worship service following at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service will begin at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided for all services.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Tom Cogle, who along with his wife, Donnicia and two sons, Dallas and Travis, will be moving into a home on Sunnydale Avenue in the near future.

Cogle was assistant pastor for 18 months at Assembly of God Chruch in Colonial Heights, Virginia. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Valley Forge Christian College.

"There's nothing like being an important part of the foundation of a new but growing church. Our worship services are warm, organized but not formal," said Cogle.

"The Assembly of God is not a denomination but a Pentecostal Fellowship which believes and teaches the Bible is the inspired word of God in its entirety," he added.

Grove 6073 meets

Grove 6073, Woodmen of the World, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 in the Woodmen of the World building.

All members are encouraged to attend.

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Mt. Shiloh news

We would like to thank all who came and took part in the food sale Saturday given by Manley Ferguson III. It was a big success.

The Rev. and Mrs. Moore are proud parents of a baby girl.

The Mt. Shiloh Usher Board will have their monthly meeting on Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. Present and former members are urged to attend.

Miss Mary Tanner, Mrs. Evelyn Carter, Miss Geneva Reed and her daughter were visiting Maryland this weekend to help Mrs. Annie Tanner celebrate her birthday.

Weekly Bible study will start this Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. and be held each Saturday at the same time. Members are encouraged to attend and bring your Bibles, pencil and paper.

Members of the Mt. Shiloh Trustee Board attended the first anniversary services for the Rev. Gary D. Moore Sunday evening at the Mt. Evergreen Baptist Church, west Evington, Va.

Mrs. Marie Mooney and sister, Mrs. Ruth White of San Diego, Calif. are vacationing here with Mr. Daniel Tanner and Mrs. Jessie Bolden.

A voter registration drive sponsored jointly by the Appomattox Assembly, Inc. and the Appomattox Voters League will be held Thursday, Sept. 20 during the hours of 6 to 7 p.m. at the Stonewall Elections building on State St. 606.

Our prayers go out to the sick and shut-in.

Zion church news

By SUSIE HUNTER

Sunday was cool and windy, and a large crowd attended regular preaching services at Zion Baptist Church.

Pastor Lewis assisted while Pastor Edward presided over the services. The Young Adult and the Sunshine Choirs provided music.

Everyone enjoyed the challenge message delivered by the Rev. Lewis.

The Senior Ushers will meet next Sunday at 11 a.m. They had their 28th anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. Mrs. Nannie Johnson served as MC. A large crowd attended.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Tibbs

Tyler, Tibbs are wed

The wedding of Miss Cherese D. Tyler of Lanham, Maryland to Mr. David Lee Tibbs of Washington, D.C. took place on September 1, 1984 at 1 p.m. in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. The Rev. R. T. Yancy, pastor of the church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Simon P. Tyler of Dahlgren, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Johnson.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Rudolph V. Tibbs of Washington, D.C. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Megginson.

The bride is a graduate of Tobe-Coburn School for Fashion Careers in New York City. She is a freelance fashion consultant.

The groom is a graduate of the Georgetown school of Science, Washington, D.C. and is employed as laboratory technician at Milatos Kimo Dental Laboratory.

OFFICERS FOR THE APPOMATTOX JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB for 1984-85 club year pictured are, left to right, Nancy May, treasurer; Carolyn Thompson, first vice president; June Chenault, senior advisor; Peggie Simpson, historian; Ginger Noble, corresponding secretary; Patsy Thomas, second vice president; Jeannette Drinkard, president; Mary Turner, recording secretary and Sheila Webb, parliamentarian.

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Mrs. Jack Theodore Hudson, Jr.
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McCoy, Hudson are wed

The marriage of Marcia Vanessa McCoy to Jack Theodore Hudson, Jr., took place on Saturday, Sept. 8, 1984 at three-thirty in the afternoon on the front lawn at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. Harrison Kelso, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. McCoy. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Hudson, Sr., all of Gladstone.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

Miss Valarie Rose McCoy, of Mt. Vernon, New York; was her sister's maid of honor. Junior bridesmaids were Monica Lachelle Franklin of Concord, Melanie Renee Hudson of Gladstone, both nieces of the bridegroom; and Kimberly Diane Johnson of Gladstone, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Monique Michelle Hudson of Appomattox, niece of the bridegroom; and Dawn Rachelle McCoy of Gladstone, niece of the bride.

Mr. Sylvester Watkins Booker of Gladstone, cousin of the bride and bridegroom, served as best man. Ringbearer was Jason Lamonte Booker of Gladstone, cousin of the bridegroom. Carpetbearer was Troy O'Neal Booker of Gladstone, cousin of the bridegroom.

Mr. Timotheous Lawing of Appomattox, provided nuptial music. Mr. Larry Booker of Lynchburg, cousin of the bridegroom, sang "Always and Forever". Mr. David Hancock of Appomattox sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The reception was held at the Shrine Club in Lynchburg at 6 p.m. Miss Kimble Regina Hudson, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Lynn Minette Evans, cousin of the bridegroom, both of Gladstone, attended the guest register.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is a cum laude graduate of Central Virginia Community College. She is presently employed as flight services secretary by Air Virginia, Inc. General Aviation Division.

The bridegroom attended Appomattox County High Scool. He is employed at Meredith-Burda, Inc.

A number of out-of-town relatives and friends attended the wedding and reception.

Date set for wedding

The wedding of Shelia K. Carrico to Vince Allen McElroy will take place Saturday, September 22 at 2 p.m. in the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Although no invitations are being sent, all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Birth is announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Adams of Red House proudly announce the birth of their son, James Zachary (Zach) on August 23, 1984 at 10:27 a.m. in Southside Community Hospital, Farmville.

Zach weighed seven pounds, eight and one-half ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benny Marston of Red House and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Paulett of Rustburg.

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Mrs. William Doddridge Perdue

Jerman, Perdue wed

The marriage of Mary Denise Jerman to William Doddridge Perdue took place Saturday, September 8, 1984 at three o'clock in United Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Otis H. Worley, pastor officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Jerman of Burke, Va. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Perdue of Appomattox.

The bride was escorted by her father, and given in marriage by her parents.

Mrs. Rebecca Manzians of Woodbridge, Va. was matron of honor and the attendants were Mrs. Elizabeth Hendershott of Annadale, Va. and Miss Pat Cobb of Stafford, Va. Amy Shull of Concord was the flower girl.

Mr. Charles Perdue, father of the groom was bestman. Ushers were Mr. Benjamin Harvey, cousin of the groom and Mr. Kenneth Wayne Burks, both of Appomattox. Terry Wayne Lawhorn, nephew of the groom was ringbearer.

Mrs. Lucy Harvey, aunt of the groom, directed the wedding. Mrs. Charlene Lawson was soloist and Mrs. Alice Burks was organist. Mrs. Judy Shull, cousin of the groom attended the guest register and Carrie and Kelly Pearfus, cousins of the bride handed out scrolls.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at The Falling River Country Club.

After a wedding trip the couple will reside in Fredricksburg, Va.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT W. WORLEY of Dogwood Knoll, Spout Spring, Va. were honored recently with a reception at Saint Anne's Episcopal Church in Appomattox in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts for the occasion were the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Worley, Jr. of North Wilkesboro, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. T.N. (Barbara) Shattuck of Middlesboro, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Worley were married Sept. 12, 1934. They have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

DAR week celebrated

The Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution along with all chapters across the nation are celebrating Constitution Week Sept. 17 through Sept. 23.

"It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the one hundred ninety-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities," said Mrs. Phillip Parks, National Chairman, Constitution Week Committee, National Society Daughters of American Revolution.

"Citizens are urged to study the Constitution, to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship in our republic functioning under the superb body of laws ... the Constitution of the United States of America," Parks added.

Local members of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution are Mrs. Florence Trent, Mrs. H. B. Martin, Mrs. Ann Staples, Mrs. Shafter Drinkard, and Mrs. Louella Coleman.

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